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SUBJECT: FIRST LONDON STOPOVER OF CODEL IPU

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1. ACCORDING TO TELEPHONE CALLS DURING COURSE OF PAST WEEK FROM SENATE STAFFERS (KUHL AND MCLAUGHLIN), CODEL IPU DESIRED MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN (PREFER ABLY MARCH 24) AND EMBASSY BRIEFING, AND INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON MARCH 23.
2. DR. OWEN WILL BE OUT OF TOWN MARCH 24 BUT WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE DELEGATION AT NOON ON MARCH 23. HE GREATLY PREFERS GROUP SMALL ENOUGH TO PERMIT GENUINE DISCUSSION AND WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT US PARTICIPATION TO FOURTEEN PERSONS. OUR LATEST INFORMATION (MARCH 17 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MCLAUGHLIN) INDICATES FOUR SENATORS AND TEN HOUSE MEMBERS IN CODEL, WHICH WOULD LEAVE NO ROOM FOR STAFFERS IF ALL LEGISLATORS WISHED TO PARTICIPATE. PLEASE ADVISE US OF MAXIMUM FOURTEEN DELEGATION MEMBERS WHOM CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.
3. AMBASSADOR BREWSTER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S VISIT TO PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT DCM UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST RECEPTION EVENING MARCH 23. HOWEVER, CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH IPU GROUP AND BRITISH-AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP YIELDED UNANIMOUS ADVICE THAT RECEPTION WOULD NOT BE WORTHWHILE BECAUSE PARLIAMENT RISES FOR EASTER RECESS DURING AFTERNOON AND VIRTUALLY ALL MPS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO LIVE IN LONDON, WILL SCATTER TO THE FOUR WINDS BY EVENING.

4. INSTEAD, THE BRITISH IPU GROUP AND THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WOULD LIKE TO CO-HOST A BUFFET LUNCHEON FOR THE ENTIRE US DELEGATION AT THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, STARTING AT ONE O'CLOCK. THE CO-HOSTS ARE CONFIDENT THEY COULD GET 20-25 INTERESTED MPS TO PARTICIPATE AT THAT HOUR. THIS WOULD FOLLOW ON CONVENIENTLY TO MEETING AT FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH IS ONLY ONE BLOCK FROM PARLIAMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT LUNCHEON INVITATION ASAP.

5. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY BRIEFING WOULD BE MOST USEFUL BEFORE MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AND LUNCHEON WITH MPS, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE SESSION AT EMBASSY PRIOR TO NOON MEETING WITH DR. OWEN (WHICH IS THE LATEST HOUR HIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT) AND STILL ALLOW TIME FOR CODEL TO PROCEED FROM AIRPORT TO HOTELS, FRESHEN UP, ETC. WE ARE PREPARED TO OFFER BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION AT EMBASSY AT THREE O'CLOCK ON BRITISH POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION AND DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IF CODEL WISHES. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. LATER MESSAGE WILL DEAL WITH SECOND CODEL IPU VISIT TO LONDON AFTER LISBON CONFERENCE.

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